

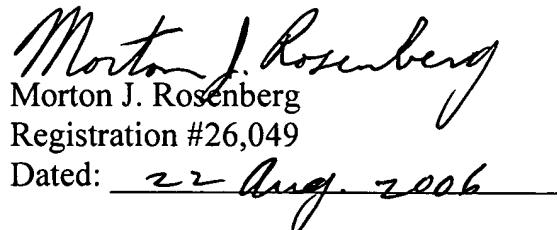
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Office Action dated 1 June 2006. Responsive to the Office Action, Claims 27-29 have been canceled by this Amendment. Claims 8 – 10 and 25 – 26 were previously canceled.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ludwig et al. (U.S. Patent 6,513,942). Additionally, the Examiner rejected Claims 28 – 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ludwig. However, the Examiner kindly noted that Claims 1 – 7 and 11 – 24 have been allowed.

Accordingly, Claims 27-29 have been canceled by this amendment. Therefore it is believed the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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